

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
OSAMU KANOME, et al. ) : Examiner: Ann Y. Lam  
Application No.: 10/582,099 ) : Group Art Unit: 1641  
371(c) Date: March 19, 2007 ) :  
For: SUBSTRATE FOR CELL )  
CULTURE, PRODUCING ) :  
METHOD THEREOF AND )  
SCREENING METHOD FOR ) :  
CELL CULTURE CONDITIONS )  
UTILIZING THE SAME : August 25, 2009

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action dated July 29, 2009, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the Group I claims, namely Claims 1 to 13. The restriction requirement is, however, traversed.

Traversal is on the ground that there would not be undue burden in examining the three groups of claims in a single application. In particular, MPEP § 808 makes clear that in order to require restriction between independent or distinct inventions, reasons for insisting upon a restriction requirement, such as undue burden, must also be shown. In the present instance, it is not believed that there would be an undue burden in examining the claims of Groups I to III in a single application, since the three groups of claims are not so different as would require a burden on the Examiner that is significantly beyond that of the normal burdens of examination.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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